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HEAD GASKET

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.323 and 37 CFR 1.322

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be given in accordance with Form PTO-1050, enclosed in duplicate. There are two errors that are believed to be significant and correction is required in order that no misunderstanding will occur. The first error is applicant's mistake and the second error is the Patent Office's mistake.

The first error at col. 15, line 33 is a typographical mistake by the applicant and does not constitute new matter or require reexamination:

replace "asscoiated" with ---associated---

Insomuch as this error appeared in a Response filed by the applicant, please find the enclosed check in the amount of \$100.00 for issuing the Certificate of Correction.

The second error is the fault of the Patent Office and appears as a hand corrected Fig. 3 on drawing sheet 2.

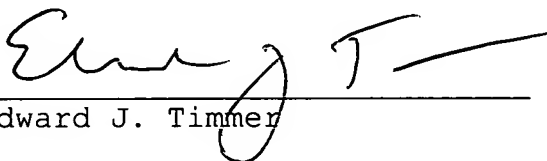
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The hand corrected drawing sheet 2 should be replaced with the replacement drawing sheet 2. Please find enclosed a copy of the Letter to the Official Draftsman with enclosures and the Notice of Allowability stating that the submitted drawings were accepted by the Examiner. Please issue a Certificate of Correction that replaces the hand corrected Fig. 3 on sheet 2 with the replacement drawing sheet 2.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 20-1124.

Respectfully submitted,



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Notice of Allowability (1 page)  
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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6 769 696 *B2*

DATED : August 3, 2004

INVENTOR(S) : Armin DIEZ

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 15, line 33 replace "asscoiated" with ---associated---

### Drawings

Delete drawing sheet 2 consisting of figures 3, 4A, and 4B and replace with the attached drawing sheet 2.

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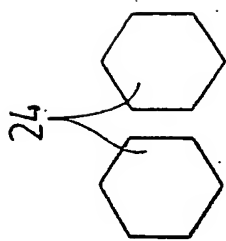


FIG. 3

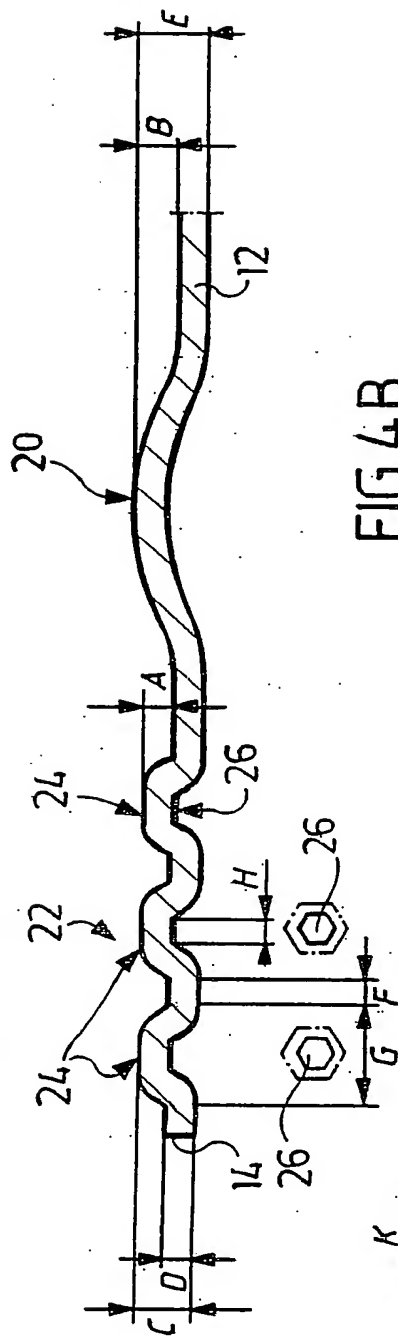


FIG. 4A

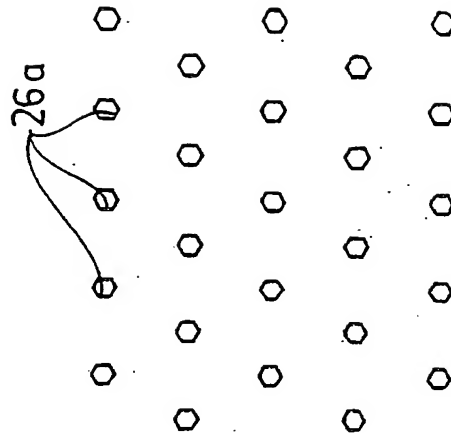
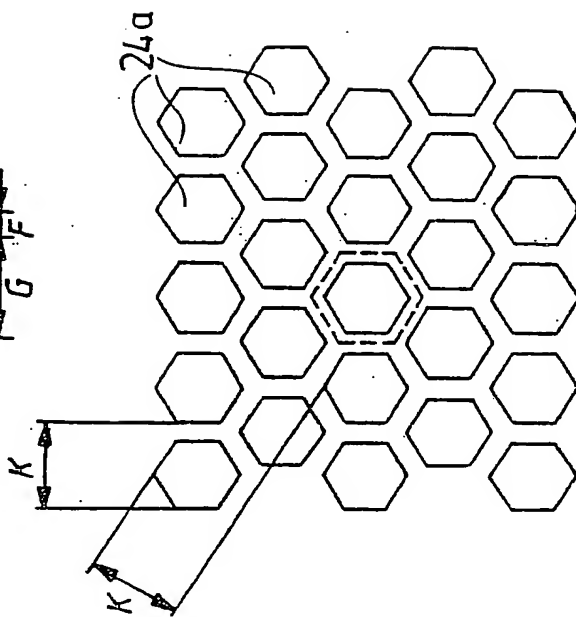


FIG. 4B

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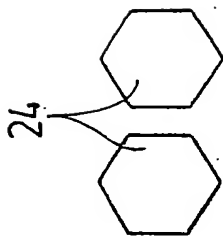


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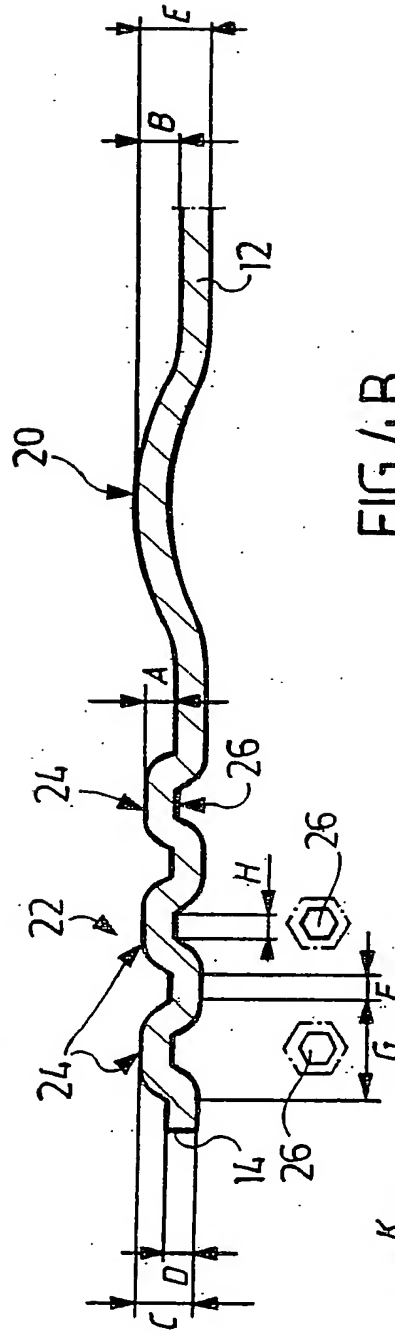
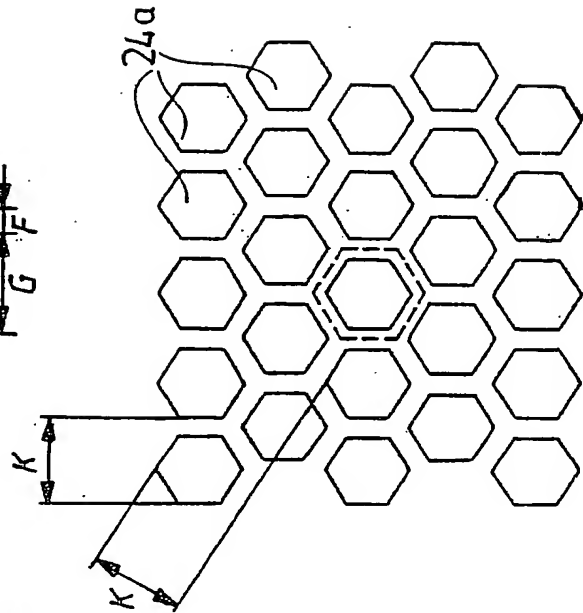
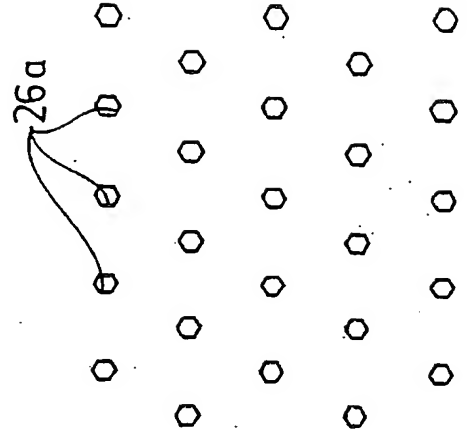


FIG. 4A

FIG. 4B





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July 21, 2003

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Examiner: Kyle

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Letter To Official Draftsperson

Dear Sir:

Applicant encloses herewith a replacement sheet including Figure 3 which has been amended to delete reference lines of the width F and diameter G extending into the gasket as suggested by the examiner. The drawing change is shown in red on the attached marked-up copy of Figure 3.

Approval of the replacement sheet including amended Figure 3 is requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee in connection with this Letter to deposit account No. 20-1124.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Timmer

Reg. No. 27 402

Enclosure: replacement sheet with Figure 3 and marked-up replacement sheet

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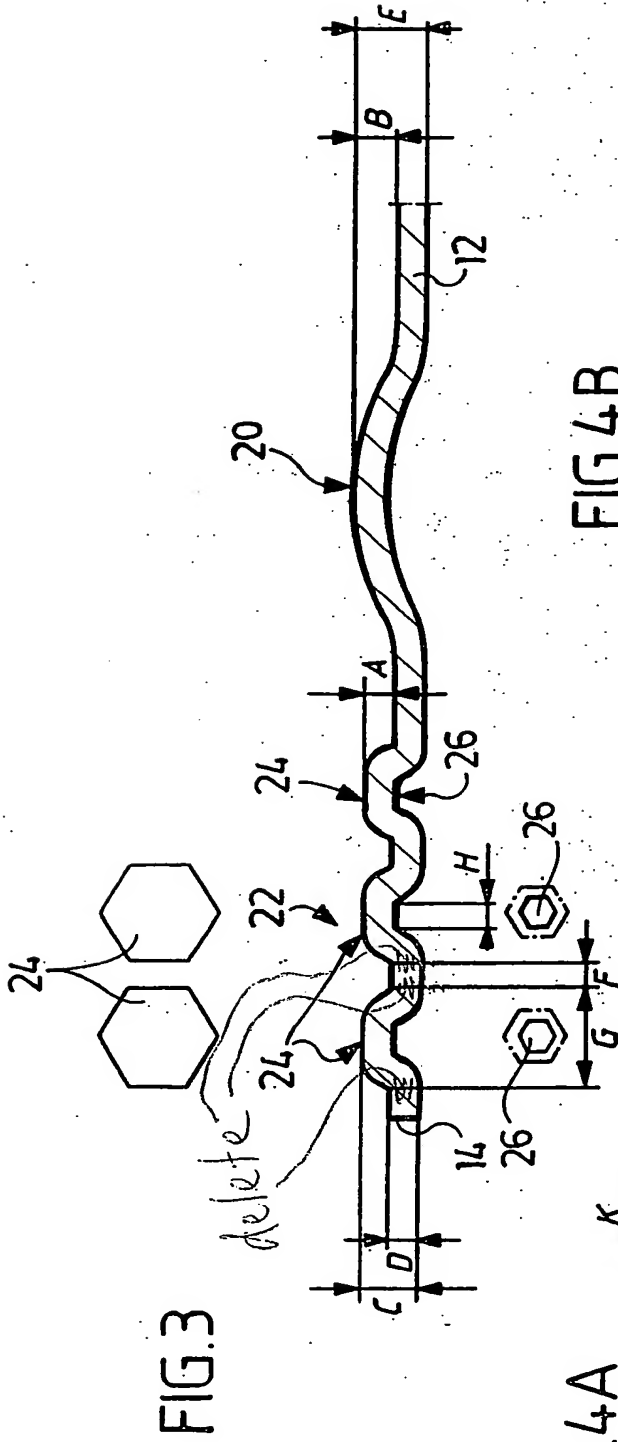


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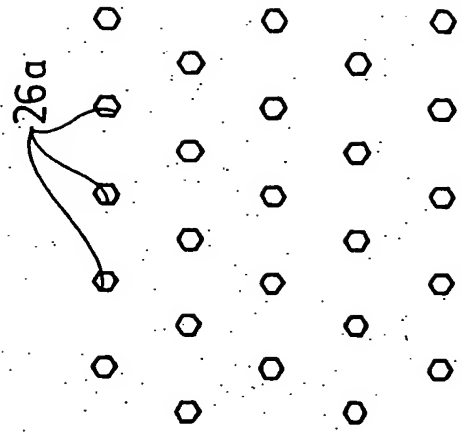
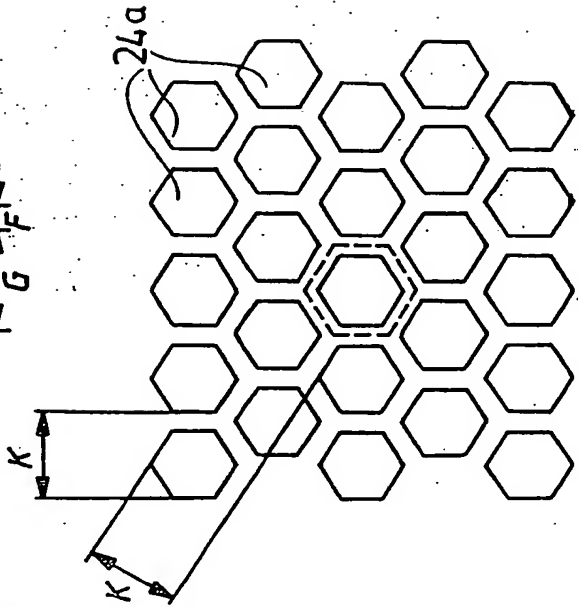


FIG. 4A



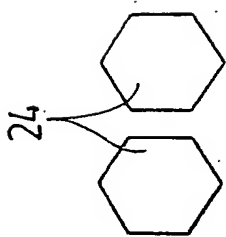


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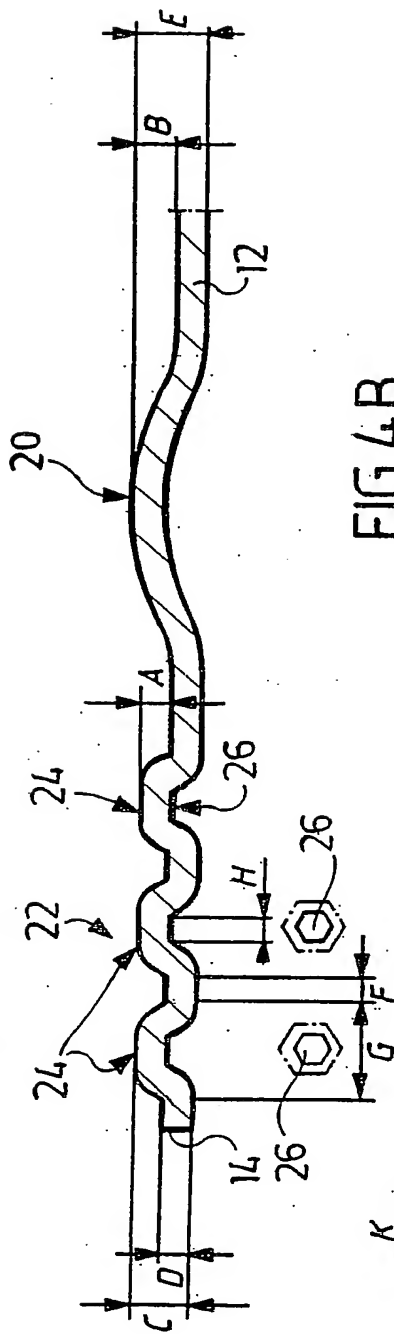
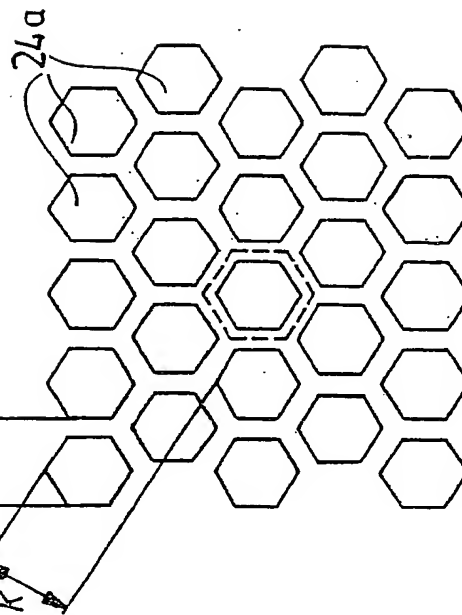
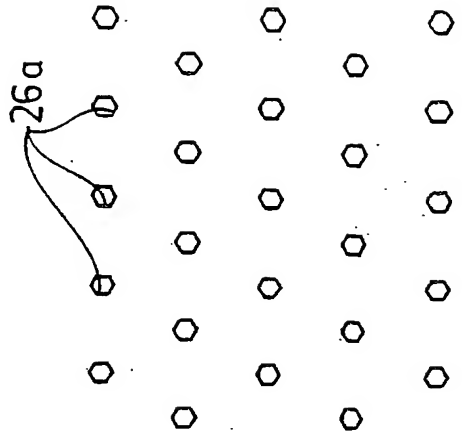


FIG. 4A

FIG. 4B





# **Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/052,468

Examiner

Michael J Kyle

Applicant(s)

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3676

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on March 8, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23 and 25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 January 2002 and 24 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## **Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
**Anthony Knight**  
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